

Thoughts on Prayer
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To ask anything of God in the Name of Jesus, we must only ask what Jesus would. We ask as His representative if we ask in His Name. This, therefore, is following Christ's example, asking for God's will, not our own.

Prayer should be more than an individual act. It should be a constant attitude of dependency upon God. Prayer acknowledges weakness, inability, insecurity in us. This is opposite of dictating our desires to God. We must be submissive to God's will, and His means. We must accept that the Lord will supply our need according to His own sovereign design.

It is vanity for a person to direct the Almighty as to what He ought to do. As if any person knows better or more than God or could direct God's actions. Such are like an arrogant and unruly child bossing everyone around.

God's will is what will come to pass. As believers we are in His will in Christ. Our lives then must become more and more like His, which includes a constant attitude of prayer, communication with the Father; that our path is straight, and in the best possible light, our steps guide and our journey certain, our destination guaranteed unto eternity at home with Him and the Father. They will be with us and see us through everything in this world according to the perfect will of God. Therefore our prayers trust His constant and loving care, that He knows what is best for us, and what He will provide.

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